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1. IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF REFTEL (A), DEPT ASKED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF AMENSTY IN SAUDI ARABIA. EMBASSY WISHES TO ENGAGE A LAWYER TO LEARN JUST THAT INFORMATION. THE INSTITUTION OF AMNESTY EXISTS, BUT EXACTLY WHEN IT IS USED AND HOW IT OPERATES IS A MYSTERY TO THE POST.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES LEGAL ADVICE ON AMNESTY IS NECESSARY BECAUSE AMNESTY IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN THE PROTECTION OF AMCIT WELFARE. BECAUSE THE SAUDI LEGAL SYSTEM IS EXTREMELY ALIEN TO OUR OWN, FREQUENTLY AMERICANS ARE ARRESTED AND IMPRESONED FOR ACTION WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED CRIMES IN U.S. THE DEARTH OF LAWYERS WILLING TO ACCEPT CRIMINAL CASES OFTEN MEANS THAT UNLESS THE EMBASSY PLAYS A FAIRLY ACTIVE ROLE IN THE CITIZEN'S DEFENSE, HE RECEIVES NO DEFENSE AT ALL.

3. THESE FACTS LEAD JIDDA TO BELIEVE THAT THE POST CANNOT FOLLOW THE BOOK STRICTLY IN PROTECTING AMERICAN CITIZENS. POST BELIEVES THAT THE AMNESTY IS A USEFUL LEGAL TOOL FOR ACCUSED AMERICANS. THE EMBASSY MUST OBTAIN THAT INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS WHO WILL NOT
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ALWAYS BE ABLE TO ENGAGE A LAWYER TO GIVE THEM THAT INFORMATION. THE EMBASSY FURTHER BELIEVES THAT PAYING A LEGAL FEE WILL BE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN SPENDING THE MANY MAN-HOURS WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THIS INFORMATION ON ITS OWN.
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